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SUBJ : BAHRAIN SCHOOL STATUS

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1. LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR HEADMASTERSHIP PROPOSED FOR BAHRAIN PRIVATE SCHOOL HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY SCHOOL TRUST'S MILESKE WITH APPRECIATION AS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE INTEREST. MILESKE INFORMS US, HOWEVER, THAT SCHOOL TRUST HAS NOW MADE COMMITMENT TO TEHRAN SCHOOL'S GLEN FOSNOT AND FOSNOT IS EXPECTED HERE EARLY MAY TO ASSUME POSITION SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FUTURE PRIVATE SCHOOL TO COMMENCE PREPARATIONS AND RECRUITING IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO OPEN SCHOOL ON FULLY PRIVATE BASIS BEGINNING 1977-78 SCHOOL YEAR.

2. PRIVATE COMMUNITY LEADERS OPERATING THROUGH BAHRAIN SCHOOL TRUST HAVE REVISED PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND ARE RESUBMITTING IT TO THE GOB FOR APPROVAL. IT WILL PROVIDE FOR COMPANY AS WELL AS PARENT REPRESENTATION IN SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BODY AND HENCE IS EXPECTED TO BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO GOB WHICH HAD EXPRESSED SOME TENTATIVE INFORMAL CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUITY OF RESPONSIBILITY IN A PARENT-CONTROLLED SCHOOL.

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3. SUBJECT TO FINDINGS FROM FOSNOT'S FIRST TASK OF PREPARING

MORE DETAILED BUDGET FOR NEW SCHOOL, A TENTATIVE DECISION HAS NOW BEEN MADE TO INCLUDE BRITISH CURRICULUM AT THE UPPER GRADES OF A K-12 AMERICAN CURRICULUM DAY SCHOOL. AS DISCUSSED MANAMA REFTEL, SCHOOL TRUST IS STILL PREPARED TO TALK WITH USG OR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA ABOUT CONTINUING THE BOARDING SCHOOL ON AN ESSENTIALLY SELF-FINANCING BASIS.

4. UNDERSTAND THAT THROUGH USDESEA CHANNELS SCHOOL TRUST HAS RAISED QUESTION OF TAKING OVER AT FAIR PRICE THE EQUIPMENT IN PRESENT USDESEA BAHRAIN SCHOOL AT END OF 1976-77 SCHOOL YEAR.

5. COMMENT: THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE MANY PROBLEMS ALONG THE WAY BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 1977 BUT IT IS APPARENT AT THIS STAGE THAT AMERICAN PRIVATE COMMUNITY IN BAHRAIN HAS COME TO GRIPS WITH BAHRAIN SCHOOL PROBLEM AND IS FOR FIRST TIME CONFIDENT IN ITS DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE AMERICAN EDUCATION IN BAHRAIN ONCE USDESEA PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN SCHOOL ENDS. END COMMENT.

6. COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE MAY WISH TO READDRESS THIS MESSAGE TO INTERESTED MILITARY AND DOD ADDRESSEES.
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